

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CBI PROBE INTO DEFENCE DEALS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has expressed its inability to undertake the probe into defence deals since 1985, asked for by the Government this year unless specific cases are referred to it; and

(b) if so, the details of other main points raised by the C.V.C. or C.B.I. in this regard and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) A detailed presentation on Defence Procurement Procedure was given to the CVC by Ministry of Defence and the Services HQrs. After discussion with the CVC about the modalities in this regard, the first batch of 63 case files on defence procurement has been submitted to them. These include some cases mentioned by an Hon'ble MP in a Short Duration Discussion on defence procurement in Rajya Sabha on 23.12.1999 and in a writ petition filed by a Naval Officer, in which allegations of presence of agents and corruption were made. These case files are presently under scrutiny in the CVC. Defence Ministry is extending cooperation as required in the matter.

The CBI has not raised any point in this regard with Ministry of Defence.